

1 Also as was, I think, made abundantly clear
2 during the very lengthy and exhaustive debate on the
3 Judicial Article, there was a great fear on the part of
4 the supporters of the Judicial Article, those that
5 supported the position of noncompetitive elections that
6 in a competitive election a judge would find himself so
7 far down on the ballot that the ability of any one group
8 to focus attention upon his particular stand on issues
9 that would pertain to his particular office would be
10 very difficult and with the shortened ballot, this,
11 of course, would be made much easier. The third and
12 major reason the committee supports this position is
13 it is a rejection of the coat-tail effect. It has been
14 traditional where you have local officials running with
15 either statewide officials or with presidential
16 officials to set up a ticket and where people low on the
17 ticket will run with the hope of establishing some kind
18 of coat-tail effect. I think those people who are
19 elected at the top of any ticket, whether they be governor
20 or President of the United States, are not elected on the
21 same issues that a county executive is elected on or that